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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: PRICE BERNHARD'S PROPOSAL FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE
IN THE SINAI

1. PRINCE BERNHARD, FULLY AWARE THAT FOLLOWING CONCEPT
IS AT BEST A LONG SHOT, ASKED NONETHELESS THAT IT BE
PASSED TO THE SECRETARY.

2. LAST SEPTEMBER PRINCE BERNHARD PROPOSED TO DEPARTING
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD PARK
AND NATURE PRESERVE IN THE SINAI UNDER AUSPICES OF WORLD
WILDLIFE FUND WHICH HE HEADS. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TWOFOLD:
FIRST TO RELIEVE TENSIONS IN THE AREA, AND SECOND TO
PRESERVE RARE DESERT FLORA AND FAUNA AND UNUSUAL SEALIFE
IN ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS. WORLD WILDLIFE FUND HAS
HAS ALREADY DONE TECHNICAL STUDIES SUPPORTING THE
ECOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A PARK IN THE SINAI

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AREA. FINANCING FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT IS ALSO
AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FUND.

3. BERNHARD TOLD EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THAT IF SADAT LIKED THE CONCEPT HE WAS WELCOME TO TREAT IT AS ORIGINATING IN EGYPT AND TO PROPOSE IT AS AN EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE. BERNHARD SAYS THE AMBASSADOR HAD REACTED FAVORABLY, INDICATING HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE SUGGESTION TO PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT BERNHARD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER IT WAS IN FACT TRANSMITTED AND IF IT WAS AS TO WHAT REACTION ENSUED.

4. IT ACCURS TO ME THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD PARK AND WILDLIFE RESERVATION COULD CONCEIVABLY BE INCORPORATED INTO OR IN CONNECTION WITH A DEMILITARIZED ZONE. OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES WOULD FLOW FROM HAVING A GENUINE AND ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT NON-HUMAN REASON FOR MINIMIZING HUMAN ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, AND FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ECOLOGICALLY-ORIENTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND. IT WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE FOR ANY COUNTRY WHICH MUST YIELD SOVEREIGNTY TO A DEMILITARIZED AREA.
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